Greenham to Choose Committee to Investigate Black Football Players', Cheerleaders' Conflict

Accusations, complaints, and defenses flew back and forth between cheerleaders and football players this summer as Shaker's all-white cheerleading squad almost prompted a walkout of black athletes. William H. Greenham, in a statement to both sides, decided to appoint a committee to look into the process of selecting cheerleaders, that process being the chief cause of the conflict.

LAST SPRING, some forty girls, about five of whom were black, tried out for this year's cheerleading squad. Last year's cheerleaders chose the new squad, and, according to Dr. Greenham, "those who are knowledgeable about the selection process . . . believe that the best qualified girls who tried out were selected."

Many black girls who would have qualified did not, however, try out, the reason being that some of these girls had become discouraged with the manner of selection. When appointed, the committee, representing the cheerleaders, the athletes, and the student body, will seek to eliminate the ill feeling toward the squad and their choosing of new cheerleaders.

DR. GREENHAM believes that the black athletes "not only are concerned with the effect this (the all-white squad) has on their own morale, but with the feelings it might generate among their families and friends who come to see them play." He decided it "unwise" for him "to arbitrarily add one girl to the cheerleading squad" mainly because the emotional strain would be "too much to ask of her."

Shaker's AFS students Gabriele Halder and Herbert Jacobs are out on a limb with hosts David Mason and Pam Shakley.

German AFS'ers Gabi, Herbert Join Shaker's Class of 1970

Herbert Jacobs and Gabriele Halder, two German students, will represent the American Field Service at Shaker this year.

HERBERT IS LIVING with David Mason, and Pam Shakley is Gabi's hostess. The respective American families will help the AFS'ers with their adjustment to American life. One of the changes they will have to make is to stop speaking in German and to begin speaking in English. Gabi comes from the southern region of Germany. Herbert's home is in a small village named Westrhauderfehn in Germany's northern area.

EACH YEAR, at least one and usually two Shaker students participate in the American Field Service exchange. Robin Weisman is the foreign exchange student from Shaker. She will return from her "home" in Australia some time in January.

Gabi and Herbert spent several days in a youth hostel in New York City before arriving in Shaker Heights August 22.

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New Educational Facilities Planned

Several building improvements currently underway or recently completed at the high school include an extension of the auditorium, a new science wing, and the installation of new lockers.

THE ENTIRE STAGE area, including the room under the stage, will be larger when construction is concluded. Also, cushioned seats will replace the old wooden ones.

The new science wing will be on the north end of the building. The two-story addition will consist of ten labs and classrooms, a planetarium, a lecture hall, conference rooms, and a "growing" room for biology.

New lockers are replacing those hall lockers with obsolete locking mechanisms and those in the gym locker rooms.

Shaker Divides Into Onaway, Aldersyde 'Houses,' Stresses New Student-Administration Relations

Charles Zimmerman explained the reasons for the division of Shaker into Aldersyde and Onaway Houses, "What we're really trying to do is become more effective in our relationship with kids." Thus, Shaker now has two deans, two offices, and two staffs of counselors for the same number of students as before the change.

ONAWAY HOUSE, headed by Dean Robert Mohney with conuselors Miss Gladys Burgess, Miss Dorothy Orndorff, Allen Grigsby, and Kenneth Looney, will reside in the old "Main Office." Dean Zimmerman and his counseling corps of Miss Patricia Gleason, Mrs. Betty Bonthius, Patrick Burke, and Phil Bachman will work out of the nearly completed Aldersyde House offices in rooms 107 and 110.

The offices will operate the same as previously; however, each dean will manage fewer discipline and attendance problems.

EACH HOMEROOM belongs to the house of its respective counselors. All homerooms will be on the same side of the building as their house by 1970-1971.

Misunderstood or mis-scheduled students may seek Aldersyde Dean Zimmerman in room 137, Onaway Dean Mohney in the Student Activity Office, and counselors in offices at room 160 in the new wing.

Editorial

Course for Transfer Students Would Improve Levels System

Students who move to Shaker Heights from the inner city are often put back a grade or tracked in the lower levels. Many find fault in the levels system itself for the inadvertent segregation that results, but the fact is that the basic difficulty lies rather in the difference between an inner-city education and that of the Shaker schools.

The Shakerite proposes that the high school offer a tuition-free course to help new students adjust to the Shaker curriculum so that they may enter the school at the same level as other students.

STUDENTS WOULD take this intensive course during the summer or in early-bird classes. It would focus upon the fundamentals of English and mathematics. Students who complete the course successfully could enter the school at level two or three instead of level one. They would not then be trapped in the lower levels because of their lack of academic preparation. If black inner-city students could more easily enter level three, the school system would approach its stated goal of racial integration without junking the levels system.

The current levels system presents problems because of its rigidity: it is difficult to advance from levels one and two to level three because the curricula are different. For example, sophomore level-two French, which emphasizes conversational rather than writing skills, does not use the level-three text.

THE LEVELS SYSTEM is necessary. Its advantage is that it could be made flexible enough to challenge each student and also to promote true, not artificial, integration. Our proposed course would make the levels system at Shaker less rigid than it is now.

The level-one curriculum will more effectively be directed at advancement to level two, and the level-two curriculum at preparation for level three. Already, levels three and four are close enough in curriculum for one to move easily between them.

The Shakerite urges Dr. Greenham, the faculty, and the student council and its curriculum committee to study the possibility of such a course.

Student Spends Year in Israel

Senior Debbie Gressel will leave September 7, to work on an Israeli kibbutz for one year. In only two years Debbie fulfilled the requirements necessary to graduate from Shaker Heights High School so that during her third year she could study in Israel. Debbie will participate in a program sponsored by the Habonim Youth Movement. The program enables Debbie to attend the University of Tel Aviv at Bet Barrel for three months. Later she will join Kibbutz Urim and work there for the rest of the year.

Voight, Hoffman Splendid In Schlesinger's 'Cowboy'

by Ralph Hexter

"Midnight Cowboy" is not for the squeamish movie-goer. It exposes the seamiest slice of life imaginable—one of disease, violence, and brutal sex. Only those who can stomach it should see this great film.

"COWBOY" IS THE story of a young Texan (Jon Voight) who travels to New York where he plans to be employed as a stud by rich women. After several disappointments, he becomes close friends with Ratso (Dustin Hoffman), a crippled degenerate.

In filth and cold, they barely exist, each needing the other desperately. Though success seems tantalizingly close at times, the two always finish on the bottom.

SUCH A HUGE dose of naturalism can easily seem unreal. In this case, however, both stars perform so well that they make their far-out characters quite credible with no apparent effort.

Voight carries off his innocence beautifully and Hoffman facilely quells any claims that he can not act. John Schlesinger's excellent direction is completely overshadowed by two virtuoso performances that make "Midnight Cowboy" well worth seeing.

John Carroll Station WUJC Plays Rock, Jazz, Folk, Blues

by Julie Berger

Julie, a freshman at Pomona College in Claremont, California, is a former editor of The Shakerite.

WUJC is not the coded last word of a dying espionage agent, but the voice of radio free John Carroll, broadcasting from the clock tower on the university campus. Playing progressive rock, blues, jazz, folk, and even opera, this station was the brainchild of a recent graduate named Milton J. Roney, who labored for four years to create WUJC, "the heavy side of your FM dial," at 88.9 MHz.

PRESENTLY, THE mainstays of the station are radio announcers Ted Lewis and Mike Dalfonzo (alias Dell Michaels), who are, respectively, program director and station manager. They and their stable of disc jockeys begin broadcasting nightly at 6:30 and continue until 2 or 3 in the morning. When asked what prompts the occasional all-nighter, or "suicide session," Dalfonzo, who completely wired and built WUJC in six months, replied that it is a combination of sheer lunacy and the same spirit that inspires one to climb Mt. Everest—"because it is there."

WUJC broadcasts at an output

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Michelle Green, Brenda Henderson Participate in Science Fortnight

Two seniors, Brenda Henderson and Michelle Green, were among the 22 American delegates to the Eleventh Annual Youth Science Fortnight in London, England, from July 30 to August 13. Some 450 students from 25 countries participated.

THE FORTNIGHT is sponsored by the British Association for the Advancement of Science and The Council for International Contact. Their twofold aim was to provide deeper insight into contemporary scientific problems and to develop greater understanding among young people around the world.

The National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) sponsored the United States delegation, as it has for the past nine years. Before the international youth gathering, the delegation's nine girls and thirteen boys toured Europe for three weeks. Leaving Washington D.C. July 8, the students visited six countries.

Experience, Skill Assure Good Fall for Footmen

The 1969 version of the Shaker soccer team makes its first appearance Wednesday, September 17, at Lomond Field after school. The footmen take on fellow Northeastern Ohio Soccer League member Euclid.

THE TEAM has been practicing twice daily since August 25, when 45 aspiring booters showed up. Because of the formation of a JV team with its own schedule, no one will be cut, thus assuring Shaker soccer a bright future.

Co-captains Bill Davis and Alan Inglis along with returning lettermen Stu Peck and Bob Chew will form the nucleus of the team. Success this season also depends heavily on such players as Tom Mitchell, Ed Golenberg, Ken Reisenfeld, and Barry Dibiasio. Seniors John Krieble, Bill Ginn, Francis Fellenbaum, and Paul Hinton and junior Jim Howard should see a lot of action, too.

COACH TED WIEHE states that the team will use a short passing game, a method which played an important part in last year's success. He noted that this year's team is more experienced than last year's. Although the booters face a tough season with seven away games, the chances of continuing their winning ways are good.

Thomas Mitchell fights off attack as Jim Howard looks on.

Netters Face RoughSeason

Coach Fred Brown and his tennis team face an uphill battle in the Lake Erie League this fall because junior Rob Feiss and senior Harley Goldstein are the only returning lettermen from last year's fifth-place team.

COACH BROWN MUST rely on new blood because the team has lost five senior lettermen including star player Dave Orlean. The team's aspirations rest primarily with seniors Gary Gross, Craig Brown, Mike Mantel, and Tom Freeman. Juniors expected to help the team are Ted Schlitz, ***John McSorley***, ***Mark Kelman***, **and Steve Kish**. The team hopes that some sophomores will be able to help, also.

Feiss played well at third singles last year but could have a rougher time making the transition to first singles. Goldstein, who played doubles last year, may find singles more difficult. Other than Feiss and Goldstein, Shaker's tennis fortunes depend primarily on newcomers.

JC Station WUJC Plays Rock, Jazz, Folk, Blues

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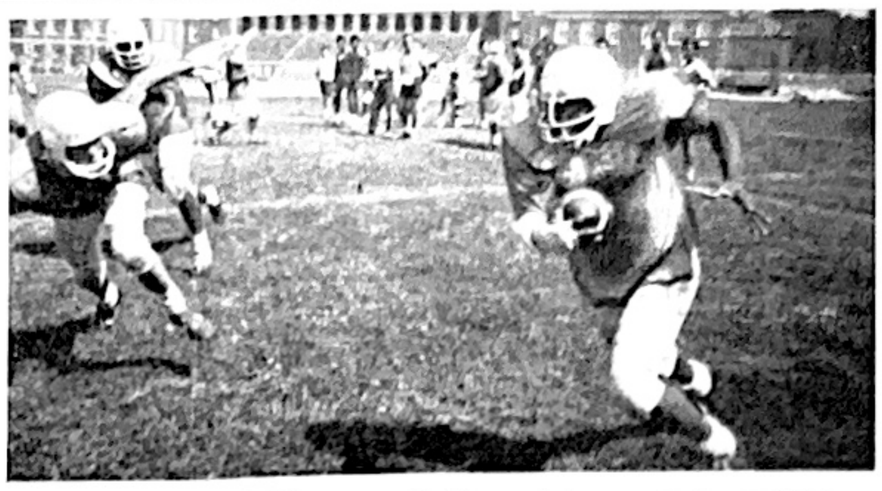
of ten watts, and its transmitter simply plugs into the wall. With a $4,000 yearly subsidy from the Student Union, plans for further improvement include broadcasting educational material during the day, having an AM station for on-campus listeners, and extending weekend airtime to go from 6:30 Friday night to 2:00 Sunday night.



Senior back Ed Hines rounds the end in a recent practice.

The Spectator

by Peter Jones

This commentary, dealing with the controversy which arose because no black girl was chosen a cheerleader this year, is not misplaced. The struggle in sports and the struggle for human rights have proven inseparable, and in few issues at Shaker have the two struggles been so finely interwoven.

ALL SUMMER the situation has been discussed by various student groups. Recently, discussion reached its culmination when Dr. Greenham announced that no black cheerleader would be added to this year's squad and that a student committee appointed to review the cheerleader selection processes would be formed when school began. Dr. Greenham made the second best decision. The addition of a single black cheerleader could only be construed as a tokenistic move. The addition of two black cheerleaders, picked from an all-black tryout would have been the best solution. Both cheerleaders could be prepared before the basketball season. Although an all-black tryout reeks of separatism, it would only be instituted and justified for this year, until the method of selecting cheerleaders could be rid of its lily-white image.

THE GRANTING of such a tryout would prove to black students the administration's willingness to encourage black involvement in every facet of Shaker's educational program.

Coach Rice's Harriers Aim For LEL Championship

Following a strong second-place finish in cross country last year, Shaker may look forward to another winning season in the Lake Erie League. Leading the team will be four returning lettermen: seniors Jeff and Jim Kramer and Captain John Hopwood, and junior Keith Brown.

COACHES Bob Rice and Al Richard expect the team to be in contention for first place all the way. Jeff Kramer finished third in the two-mile run in the state meet while his brother Jim reached the regionals. Both are expected to be stronger this year. Additional help might come from boys on last year's JV team.

Gridders Seek Title, Support

With good speed and better size than usual, Shaker's football team's hopes for a winning season are threatened only by lack of depth.

HEAD COACH Al Raymond and assistant coaches Ed Zednik and Ed Tekieli have a solid core of 15 players. Of this nucleus eight are returning senior lettermen Captain Lester Brooks, Eddie Rose, Reggie Fleming, Tim Karpoff, Steve Sanna, Brian Clarke, Blair Taliaferro, and Dean Rudoff. "Our success this year," Coach Raymond states, "depends on the ability of our 15 starters to go through each game without becoming injured or tired."

Coach Raymond believes Parma to be the team to beat in the Lake Erie League this year; but what concerns him even more than Parma is the student body's indifference toward Shaker's football and athletic teams in general. "Whether we are 10-0 or 0-10, our representing Shaker is enough reason for the students to back us," feels Coach Raymond, and after a commanding scrimmage victory over Warrensville, it appears that Shaker has a team worth supporting.

COACHES FRED HEINLEN and Robert Balbuze, who replaces Booker Brooks, will coach the junior varsity team. Brooks has gone to Penn State on a fellowship grant.

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